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INFORMATION FOR JOURNEYMAN LICENSE APPLICANTS

This information sheet is prepared to acquaint all applicants with the requirements and procedures necessary to successfully file an application, pass the examination, and obtain the certificate of registration required by Kentucky law.

JOURNEYMAN: Those persons skilled with the tools of the trade and familiar with the requirements of the Kentucky Plumbing Code. The first step in obtaining a journeyman plumber's certificate of registration is to submit an application for examination. An applicant for a Journeyman Plumber's License shall: (a) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age, (b) Be of good moral character, (c) Be a citizen of the United States, or be a resident alien who is authorized to work in the United States, and (d) have two (2) **consecutive** years of experience as an apprentice plumber. Proof of this requirement shall be satisfied by submission of two (2) W-2 forms, a notarized affidavit from a Kentucky Licensed Master Plumber, or other proof of experience acceptable to the Department, (e) Possess all the qualifications that may be prescribed by administrative regulations of the Commissioner. The examination fee is fifty dollars (\$50.00) and must accompany a notarized application and made payable to **KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER.**

The Journeyman Examination Grade is based on (1) answers written questions, chart work, and (2) a practical Copper and Cast Iron examination. Time allowed is five hours for the Written, Chart and Practical. The chart work consists of completing a drawing of a layout.

APPLICATIONS WHICH ARE NOT COMPLETE WILL BE RETURNED AS UNACCEPTABLE!

IMPORTANT: Examinations are designed to test your knowledge of Kentucky Plumbing Code and Kentucky Law. Regardless of your experience, it is advisable to study this book thoroughly before the examination.

RECIPROCITY: At the present time the Commonwealth of Kentucky does not have a reciprocal agreement with any State or Municipality as it relates to plumbing licenses.

NOTE: WHEN YOU RETURN YOUR APPLICATION TO THE DIVISION TO GET ON THE SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT AVAILABLE EXAM DATE, YOU WILL NEED TO KEEP THE INFORMATION SHEETS TO REFER TO FOR THE DIRECTIONS AND MATERIAL REQUIRED.

MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL JOURNEYMAN APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE AS A PLUMBER IN THE
STATE OF KENTUCKY

FROM: TIMOTHY R. HOUSE
DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF PLUMBING

SUBJECT: RESCHEDULING OF EXAMINATION DATES

When an application is submitted to this office it is expected that the applicant is prepared at that time to accept the next available examination date.

Except for unavoidable or last minute emergencies, we will be unable to honor any requests for the rescheduling of your examination date.

When a work schedule conflicts with your assigned examination date and can not be resolved through your employer, an explanation by a letter will be carefully considered and the appropriate action taken.

If you are presently attending a Plumbing Class we suggest that you indicate on your application the earliest date you will be available for testing.

Failure to attend on the assigned exam date without a reason acceptable to this Division, could result in your being rescheduled one year from the date you were first assigned an Examination seat.

NOTE: WHEN YOUR APPLICATION IS RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE YOU WILL BE ASSIGNED THE NEXT AVAILABLE EXAMINATION DATE AND NOTIFIED BY MAIL TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EXAM TO CONFIRM THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE.

EXAMS ARE GIVEN QUARTERLY FOR JOURNEYMAN APPLICANTS, IN THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER. DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF APPLICANTS ADDITIONAL EXAMS MAYBE SCHEDULED.

IT USUALLY TAKES TWO (2) TO FOUR (4) WEEKS TO FIND OUT THE EXAM RESULTS. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE FRANKFORT OFFICE REQUESTING YOUR SCORES. SCORES WILL NOT BE GIVEN OVER THE TELEPHONE.

CHECK IN TIME IS 7:30 AM EASTERN, STARTING TIME IS 8:00 AM EASTERN.
If needed our fax number is (502) 573-1058.

Journeyman's Exam

Notification of exam location will be mailed two weeks before

Test starts at 8 a.m.

5 hour time limit

Extra material will be allowed but the

5 hour time limit will be enforced

Shorts, sleeveless shirts and tennis shoes are not allowed

Safety glasses are required

Grading schedule

<u>Phase</u>		<u>Values</u>
<u>Soil Pipe Project</u>	-	Total 100 Points
Appearance	-	10 points
Alignment	-	10 points
Proper Torque	-	15 points
Proper Bands	-	15 points
Measurements	-	50 points
<u>Copper Project</u>	-	Total 100 points
Measurements	-	36 points
Pressure Test	-	34 points
Appearance	-	15 points
Alignment	-	15 points
Deductions will be given as follows:		
Missed measurements	-	6 points each
Pressure test leak	-	35 points
Reversed end fittings	-	10 points
<u>Written Test</u>	-	Total 100 points
<u>Drawing Pipe Sizing</u>	-	Total 100 points

Practical Projects

Material that you need to supply and have with you for this project

Copper Project

- 1 - ¾" X 3' type M copper pipe**
- 1 - ¾" copper male adapter**
- 1 - ¾" copper cap**
- 4 - ¾" copper 45 degree fitting**

Sand Paper and Fitting Brush

Soldering Flux

Torch

Lead-free Solider

Tubing cutters

Tape measure

Level

Calculator

NOTE: **Be prepared to construct the above project with the above fittings and a limited number of measurements are giving.**

Cast Iron Project

Material that you need to supply and have with you for this project

- 11 - 1 ½" No-Hub Clamps**
- Torque Wrench**
- Tape Measure**
- Level**
- Calculator**

NOTE: **Be prepared to construct the above project with the above fittings and a limited number of measurements are giving.**
Pipe and fittings supplied by the Division of Plumbing

BRING SAFETY GLASSES THAT MUST
BE WORN AT ALL TIMES